



**Seal of the
Military Academy
at West Point**



**Seal of the
U.S. Naval Academy
at Annapolis**



**Seal of the
U.S. Merchant Marine
Academy at
Kings Point, New York**



**Seal of the
U.S. Air Force
Academy at
Colorado Springs**

Nunes holds Academy Night for potential cadets

In September, Rep. Devin Nunes hosted Academy Night for high school students interested in attending one of four U.S. Service Academies.

The open-house meeting was Sept. 27 in the Tulare County Board of Supervisors chamber, 2800 W. Burrell Avenue in Visalia.

The event featured representatives from each of the academies. Potential cadets and their parents heard a keynote address from Brigadier General Ed Munger (ret), who lives in Fresno County.

“The education and military experience the service academies provide is second to none. They consistently produce men and



Rep. Devin Nunes (third from the left) poses with representatives from the four service academies and retired Brigadier General Ed Munger (center).

women who are on track to be our nation’s next generation of great leaders,” the congressman said. “I know there are plenty of students

here in the Central Valley who deserve such an important opportunity.”

Nunes seeks citrus quarantine lift with Korea

In an attempt to prevent the escalation of a trade dispute, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Tulare, has requested a meeting with the Korean Ambassador to discuss California orange exports.

Korea is the number one export market for oranges from California, taking in more than 7 million cartons last year with a value of about \$80 million.

In April, the Korean National Plant Quarantine Service banned the importation of oranges from Fresno and Tulare counties because inspectors in that country supposedly detected a fungus called *Septoria citri*.

“Our own tests of the same fruit showed no evidence of the fungus,” Rep. Nunes said. “Nevertheless, our growers and federal officials have come up with a



stringent, scientifically-sound protocol that will ensure no infected fruit reaches Korea. We have every confidence that our oranges meet and surpass any standards they might expect.”

Nevertheless, the Korean government has not agreed to the protocol or lifted the quarantine. Navel oranges were harvested in October.

Other California members of Congress are joining Rep. Nunes in a letter urging the ambassador to intervene in the situation.

“The trading and busi-

ness relationship between our two countries has grown significantly over the years to the mutual benefit of both the Korean and American peoples. As Californians, we are pleased with the growth in our export of healthy, high quality fresh California oranges to the Korean market and your consumers,” the letter says. “We believe the USDA proposed protocol for mitigation of Korean concerns to have thoroughly and scientifically addressed this matter. Therefore, we urge you to encourage the Korean government to accept this protocol, remove the quarantine against citrus from those production areas of our state and favorably remedy this trade matter.”